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LETTER DATED 26 AUGUST 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the United States Air Force continues to violate Iraqi airspace, as follows:

I.

1. The total United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 21/22 August 1991 amounted to eight sorties, carried out by four formations of two aircraft each, at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at an altitude of 2,000 metres.

2. The flights were centred over the areas of Arbil, Dohuk, northern Rawanduz, Mosul, Sumayyil and Amadiyah, and the objective was observation and provocation.

II.

1. The United States Air Force continued its violations inside Iraqi airspace on 22/23 August 1991 for the purpose of observation and provocation. It made 15 sorties, carried out by seven formations of two aircraft each and one solo sortie, at a speed of 600 to 900 km/h and at an altitude of 4,000 to 21,000 metres.

2. The flights were concentrated over the areas of Dohuk, Mosul, Arbil, Tall Afar, Rawanduz and Amadiyah.

III.

1. The total United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 23/24 August 1991 amounted to 17 sorties, carried out by eight formations of two aircraft each and one solo sortie.

2. The speed of the aircraft was from 700 to 850 km/h at altitudes ranging between 2,000 and 5,000 metres. The flights were centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Zakho, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Dohuk, and the objective was observation and provocation.

IV.

1. The total United States air activity inside Iraqi airspace on 24/25 August 1991 amounted to 21 sorties, carried out by 10 formations of two aircraft each and one solo sortie, at a speed of 600 to 900 km/h and at an altitude of 6,000 to 8,000 metres.

2. The flights centred over the areas of Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Zakho, and the objective was observation and provocation.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Sabah Talat KADRAT
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